

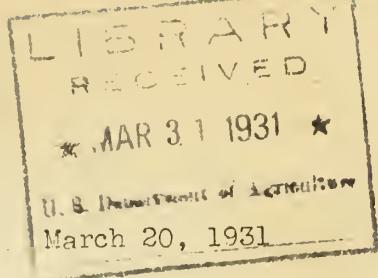
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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE HAMBURG AND COPENHAGEN APPLE MARKETS

Supplies of American apples on the Hamburg auction Thursday, March 19, were even larger than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. In spite of the heavier supplies, prices advanced for most varieties in good condition. The offerings consisted of 64,000 boxes, 17,000 barrels and 36,000 baskets, compared with 103,000 boxes, 11,200 barrels and 12,300 baskets last week, and 53,000 boxes and 230 barrels at this time last year. The large supplies of apples in baskets and their somewhat unsatisfactory condition resulted in lower prices for baskets. Good stock in baskets made satisfactory prices, however. Boxes and barrels sold at higher prices than last week, but the average price for the latter was lower due to some lots which were unsound and had to be sold at low prices.

**APPLES:** Quantities of American apples offered at the Thursday Hamburg auction in the past six weeks

|              | February 12 | February 19 | February 26 | March 5 | March 12 | March 19 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Boxes.....:  | 90,000      | 86,000      | 67,000      | 75,000  | 103,000  | 64,000   |
| Barrels....: | 4,000       | 10,000      | 15,000      | 12,300  | 11,200   | 17,000   |
| Baskets....: | 600         | 2,000       | 20,000      | 21,000  | 12,300   | 36,000   |
| Total :      |             |             |             |         |          |          |
| in terms of: | 102,600     | 118,000     | 132,000     | 132,900 | 148,900  | 151,000  |
| boxes :      |             |             |             |         |          |          |

American apples made about the same prices at the Copenhagen auction Tuesday, March 17, as last week. Washington Winesaps, Extra Fancy 150/175, sold at \$2.68 to \$2.86 as against \$2.68 to \$2.80 last week and the Fancy 150/175 size made \$2.62 to \$2.74 per box. Inquiry was strong for Winesaps. Extra Fancy Oregon Newtowns, 150/175, made about \$2.86 compared with \$2.80 to \$2.92 last week and Fancy, 150/175, sold at \$2.49 to \$2.62 against \$2.55 to \$2.68 last week. Newtowns moved rather slowly at these prices. The Copenhagen prices are slightly below those ruling at Liverpool and Hamburg for the same varieties.

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## Prices paid for American fruit at Hamburg

| Variety, grade and origin         | Price               |                       |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                   | 1930                | 1931                  |                |
|                                   | March 20            | March 12              | March 19       |
| <u>APPLES</u>                     | <u>BARRELS</u>      | <u>Dollars</u>        | <u>Dollars</u> |
| Albemarle Pippins, Va.....        | -                   | -                     | : 6.43-8.22    |
| Winesaps, Va.....                 | -                   | -                     | : 5.96-8.58    |
| Romes, Pennsylvania.....          | -                   | : 5.84-7.62           | : 5.96-8.58    |
| York Imperials, Penn.....         | -                   | : 7.86-8.10           | : 5.96-8.58    |
| Yellow Newtowns, N. Y.....        | -                   | -                     | : 6.55-8.10    |
| Starks, N. Y.....                 | -                   | : 5.96-7.03           | : 4.05-7.50    |
| Russet, N. Y.....                 | -                   | : 5.84-7.62           | : 4.76-8.34    |
| Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y..... | -                   | : 5.48-6.79           | : 6.55-8.10    |
| Baldwins, N.Y.....                | -                   | : 4.05-7.62           | : 4.29-6.91    |
| Ben Davis, N. Y.....              | 3.33-5.60 <u>a/</u> | : 4.53-8.10           | : 4.76-7.86    |
|                                   | <u>BASKETS</u>      | :                     | :              |
| Winesaps, Idaho.....              | -                   | -                     | : 2.02-2.50    |
| Baldwins, N. Y.....               | -                   | : 1.91-2.62           | : 1.91-2.50    |
| Starks, N. Y.....                 | -                   | -                     | : 1.55-2.38    |
| Romes, Penn.....                  | -                   | : 2.38-2.86           | : 1.91-2.38    |
| Albemarle Pippins, Va.....        | -                   | -                     | : 2.98         |
| Staymans, Va.....                 | -                   | : 2.02-2.14 <u>b/</u> | : 1.55-2.38    |
|                                   | <u>BOXES</u>        | :                     | :              |
| Winesaps, Wash.                   |                     | :                     | :              |
| Extra Fancy 138/163.....          | 2.86-3.10           | : 2.98-3.33           | : 2.98-3.33    |
| Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....      | 2.74-2.86           | : 2.62-2.98           | : 2.74-3.10    |
| Fancy 138/163.....                | 2.74-2.86           | : 2.86-3.10           | : 2.86-3.10    |
| Fancy 188/smaller.....            | 2.50-2.74           | : 2.62-2.86           | : 2.62-2.98    |
| Newtowns, Oregon                  |                     | :                     | :              |
| Extra Fancy 138/163.....          | 3.57-3.93           | : 2.62-3.04 <u>c/</u> | : 2.86-3.10    |
| Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....      | -                   | -                     | : 2.62-2.86    |
| Fancy 138/163.....                | 3.33-3.93           | : 2.50-2.86 <u>c/</u> | : 2.62-2.86    |
| Fancy 188/smaller.....            | 3.33-3.57           | -                     | : 2.62-2.74    |
| Ortleys, Oregon                   |                     | :                     | :              |
| Extra Fancy 138/larger.....       | -                   | -                     | : 2.62-2.98    |
| Extra Fancy 138/163.....          | -                   | : 2.62-2.80           | : 2.86-3.57    |
| Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....      | -                   | -                     | : 2.62-2.98    |
| Fancy 138/larger.....             | -                   | -                     | : 2.38-2.74    |
| Fancy 138/163.....                | -                   | : 2.62-2.98           | : 2.50-3.10    |
| Fancy 188/larger.....             | -                   | -                     | : 2.62-2.74    |
| Arkansas Blacks, Oregon           |                     | :                     | :              |
| Extra Fancy 138/163.....          | 2.62-2.98 <u>d/</u> | : 2.86-3.10           | : 2.86-3.10    |
| Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....      | -                   | -                     | : 2.62-2.86    |
| Fancy 138/163.....                | -                   | : 2.86                | : 2.92         |
| Fancy 188/smaller.....            | -                   | -                     | : 2.38-2.74    |
| C grade 188/smaller.....          | -                   | -                     | : 2.14-2.50    |
| Romes, Oregon (faced).....        | -                   | -                     | : 2.74         |
| Spitzenbergs, Oregon.....         |                     | :                     | :              |
| Fancy 138/163.....                | -                   | : 2.62-2.86           | : 2.62         |

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Virginia. b/ Pennsylvania. c/ Abundant supplies. d/ Washington.